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Taft and the Negro Politician.

No recent event has better demonstrated the need of restriction of negro suffrage than the effort of Mr. Secretary Taft in South Carolina to place a negro at his table in a dining car in violation of a state law.

When Theodore Roosevelt entertained Booker T. Washington at his table in the White House, a feeling of disgust was felt by millions of American men and women. The sensation which Mr. Taft's action produced was one of acute nausea.

The President may have excused his action upon the ground that Booker T. Washington is an extraordinary negro and as the highest type of his race was entitled to recognition from the President. In Mr. Taft's case there was not even this flimsy excuse.

The war secretary's act was plainly the pandering of an overweening ambition to the most vicious element of the electorate. Explain it as you will, the candidate sought to dine with a man whom he would have thrown out of his home for suggesting such a possibility, because that man had influence with citizens whose enfranchisement is now recognized as the greatest crime in the history of the nation.

Say what you will, Mr. Taft did violence to every instinct of a white man, disgraced his race and his manhood and sought to place himself for the time being on the level of a person whose only claim to consideration.—K. C. Post.

The Whippoorwill.
F. L. Stanton.

I.

Oh, don't you hear him calling from the valley and the hill—
"Whip-poor-will!"
When the twilight shadows gather and the world is hushed and still,
And the stars are just like torches on the tip-top o' the hill—
Whippoorwill, o' the meadows!

II.

Don't you know what he is saying in the rosy twilight still,
With his "Whippoorwill?"
It's all about the little boy who wouldn't go to mill—
He heard it in the sunshine from the ripple of a rill—
And they whipped poor Will o' the meadows!

Things They Forget.

Butler Democrat: Among other things rightly ignored by county republican conventions this year is all reference to that \$81,500 which disappeared from the sub-treasury in St. Louis. They are also forgetting to ask again to "see the books." When they saw the books they found them all right, but the \$81,500 is still hiding.

Miss Belle Locke and brother Roger left Friday afternoon for Clayton, Ill., to visit former friends.

Republican Candidates.

Hannibal, Mo., May 29.—At a mass meeting of Marion county at the court house yesterday afternoon the following were endorsed as candidates for county offices: Judge of the eastern district, Judge Cyrus Alberson; judge of the western district, E. A. Buckwalter; prosecuting attorney, A. R. Smith; sheriff, C. F. Bulkley; assessor, C. L. Schmidt; treasurer, S. O. Osterhout; public administrator, C. O. Mayes; coroner, Frank A. Waelder; constable of Marion township, J. D. Walker. A committee composed of E. L. Buckwalter, F. J. Barnard, S. A. Birch, John Dreyer, Berryman Henwood and A. R. Smith was appointed to have the above named ticket qualify as candidates and fill vacancies.

Dallas, Texas, May 29.—The death of Gen. Stephen D. Lee at Vicksburg, Miss., leaves Gen. Cabell as commander of the United Confederate Veterans. Gen. W. L. Cabell of Dallas at this time is commander of the Trans-Mississippi department, and was next in rank to Gen. Lee.

Palmyra, Mo., May 29.—Edward Lee Bower and Miss Minnie Belle Paul of Warren township drove to the city Wednesday, braving the mud and rain in order to be united in marriage. Having satisfied the recorder of their ages, etc., they were granted a license and Rev. E. C. Wagner in a brief ceremony made them husband and wife in the parlors of the Merchant's hotel at 2 p. m. before a small number of spectators. Mr. Bower is a well known farmer of Warren township while the bride is a young lady who numbers her friends by the score and will make the man of her choice a splendid wife.

Ennis Tooley was a Hannibal visitor Friday.

Thomas Courtney has been visiting his son Frank at Frankford.

Hon. W. T. Ragland, of Paris was with friends in this city, Friday.

The wind Thursday blew down a part of Del Hargar's orchard.

Benj. McElroy, of Rensselaer was a business visitor in the city, Friday.

Mrs. William Green, of Palmyra has been the guest of Monroe relatives.

Mrs. Arthur Jones, of Palmyra, arrived Friday to visit her friend, Miss Adelaide Lear.

M. D. L. Graham went to Augusta, Ill., Friday to be with old comrades Decoration Day.

Mrs. E. S. Boulware, of Monroe City, visited her sons James and Ollie, Monday and Tuesday.—Perry Enterprise.

A. A. Aylor went to Springfield, Ill., Friday to assume his duties as an employee of the Roberts Johnson Rand shoe company.

Mrs. M. E. O'Daniel and daughter, Miss Bernadetta have gone to Bordstown, Ky., to visit relatives until school time in September.

Geo. W. Adams, of St. Louis, arrived Saturday to visit his cousin, Mrs. J. J. Brown. It was the first time they had met in twenty years.

Folk and Stone

Folk and Stone represent two schools of politicians, both alike interesting as a character study. Folk is a type of that class of statesmanship that, lacking personal magnetism and the happy faculty of grappling friends to his side with hooks of steel, depends wholly upon his creed for success. Stone falls into the opposite catalogue of men who win friends that will die in the last ditch for him, because of his strong personality and magnetism. During his public life Folk has formed few friendships worthy of the name. People who are for him point not to the man but what he stands for. Those who followed his fortune in 1904, expecting to fall in love with the man, have deserted his standard because of his lack of personal magnetism; those who were for him because of his cause are still loyal to the cause he is supposed to represent and, hence, want to make him Senator. Stone, on the contrary, has made loyal friends every year of his political life. His adherents point to his lion courage, his splendid ability, his commanding presence, his unquestioned integrity, his fidelity to friends, his intrepid Democracy. They love the man, because of their faith in him are for him, despite mistakes he may have made. Folk is the passive politician, neither hot nor cold; Stone is the aggressive politician, either hot or cold. The one does not enthrall you nor set the crowd to cheering; the other stirs your blood and causes the crowd to throw its hat into the air. Which type of politician do you admire? As for the Courier, give us the man who makes loyal friends and bitter enemies. The New Testament text, "I would that you were either hot or cold," holds with us in politics, as well as in things spiritual. We like a man with red blood in his veins, one who will run out in a storm to shake hands with you or swim a river to befriend you.—Centralia Courier.

Mrs. Amanda Conn, west of New London, set fire to some straw in her hen house Tuesday to burn some chiggers. The building caught fire and burned to the ground. While her hen house was on fire her dwelling and smoke house also caught fire, but by quick work both were saved. Only two hens were burned in the hen house.—Ralls County Times.

A smart young nuisance whose stunt was jollying telephone girls has learned better, according to the Southwest Missourian. Recently one of the girls called him up and asked him if would like to go fishing with her. He expressed his pleasure and was told to "hold the line." After keeping the receiver to his ear five or ten minutes it dawned upon him that she had "landed a sucker."—Ralls County Times.

Euchre.

Mrs. Pritchett White entertained some twenty-four of her lady friends at euchre in honor of her guest Miss Harriet Hartsook, of Atlanta, Ga. Refreshments consisting of brick cream and cake was served during the afternoon.

Miss Lilly Griffin, went to Shelbyville, Thursday to visit an aunt.

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William Kinchelo and wife, of Shelbyville, Mrs. Emma Buckman of Lakenan, Mrs. Al Spalding and children, of Hunnewell attended the Holy Rosary entertainment.

Lost

A black hound bitch with white on feet, tip of tail and neck. Answers to the name of Beauty. Return her to V. C. Spalding and be rewarded.

Clarence Smith, after graduating at the Kirksville Normal, has returned home, but will shortly go to Butler, Mo., to work on the Butler Press, a Republican newspaper.

Mrs. Ida Domm, of Chicago has arrived to visit her uncle, Jack Lowery. Mr. Lowery expects to leave shortly for Salem, Ore., where he will make his home with a widowed sister.

A western woman after thirty years of wed-lock has applied for a divorce on the grounds that her husband is lazy, but the fact that it has taken her thirty years to find this out would indicate that she is not much of a hustler herself.—Perry Enterprise.

While addressing a jury in a case in an Iowa town recently a lawyer became excited it is said, and shouted: "Gentlemen of the jury, there were just thirty-six hogs involved. Please remember that fact; three times as many as there are in the jury box, gentlemen." He did not win the case.—LaBelle Star.

Edward Rule went to the Methodist Church Sunday evening with his parents and during the sermon went to sleep. After the services his parents went home, thinking the boy had proceeded them. When they arrived at their domicile they found the boy absent and went on search for him. After a thorough search they found him cuddled up on a bench in the church, sound asleep.—Ralls County Times

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